TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any employee of the Air India has been paid Employer's Contribution to Provident Fund inspite of having less than five years service; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for making such payments ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (b) Normally employees are not given employers' contribution of Providnt Fund if the service period is less than 5 years. However, in cases where an employee dies before completion of 5 years of service, employer's share of contribution is also given to his nominee as per Section 21 of Air India Employees Provident Fund Regulations, 1954. Employers's share of contribution has also been paid to the employees who had not completed 5 years of service where their previous employer was a Government body and their share of Provident Fund had been transferred to Air India's Provident Fund at the time of their joining Air India as per section 12 of the aforesaid Regulations.

देश में निजी एवं विदेशी टैक्सी प्रचालकों की संख्या

817. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय कुल कितनी निजी एवं विदेशी हवाई टैक्सी सेवाएं प्रचालन में हैं;

(ख) इन हवाई टैक्सी सेवाओं के वायु-मार्गों का ब्यौरा क्या है, और उनके पास कितने-कितने विमान हैं; और

(ग) इंडियन एयरलाइंस और निजी एयरलाइनों के विमानों के किरायों में कितना अंतर है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) से (ग) 1-5-93 की स्थिति के अनुसार, 11 हवाई टैक्सी प्रचालक 25 विमानों का प्रचालन कर रहे हैं। कोई विदेशी हवाई टैक्सी प्रचालक नहीं है। दिनांक 11-4-90 को संसद में अपनी ओर से दिए गए वक्तव्य के अनुसार हवाई टैक्सी प्रचालक देश में अनुसूचित प्रचालनों के लिए उपलब्ध किसी भी हवाई अड्डे के लिए प्रचालन न कर सकते हैं। प्रचालक अपने किराए निर्धारित करने के लिए स्वतंत्र हैं।

818. [Transferred to 12th May, 1993]

Discrimination in stiching charges for uniforms

819. SHRI R. K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the officers and staff of Indian Airlines are provided with the same quality and number of white uniforms ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that officers and staff are paid stiching charges for winter uniform @ Rs. 850 and 585, respectively ;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the discrimination between the officers and the staff; and

(d) whether Indian Airlines propose to bring at par the stitching charges of winter uniforms of staff with officers in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Indian Airlines is providing same quality of uniform material to all male officers and staff but the quantity and colour shades differ from category to category.

(b) Indian Airlines officers and staff are paid stitching charges for winter uniforms in Delhi @ Rs. 850 and Rs. 675 respectively.

(c) The stitching charges of officers are decided on the basis of charges of "A" class tailors and that of the staff on the basis of "B" class tailors.

(d) No ,Sir.